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*Cum eo nimirum Hoſte res eſt qui nec Bonam nec Malam ferre Fortunam poteſt: ſeu vicit ferociter inſtat Victis; ſeu victus eſt, inſtaurat cum Victoribus certamen.*

Liv.

I May be cenſur'd perhaps by the next Age, for having waſted too much Time and Paper of late in a very plain Caſe, and be thought to have employ'd my Arguments for Peace as ſuperfluouſly, as if I had undertaken to perſwade a Pilot to put into Port when his Ship was unable to weather out a Storm, and only two or three Mutineers of the Crew, that expected to be Try'd aſhore, were of a contrary Opinion. I muſt own indeed, ſince few of the Whig-Pamphlets are like to be long-liv'd, and ſince a certain Proteſt is not ſuffer'd to remain on Record, that Poſterity may probably not be eaſily induc'd to believe it poſſible for Men to have acted with ſo much Violence, and ſo little Reaſon, with ſo much Eagerneſs for the Intereſt of Forei n Countries, and with ſo much Animoſity againſt both the Honour and Conſtitution of their Own, as theſe *Worthy Patriots* have done upon the late Turn of Affairs. But there is too much Reaſon to fear, that the Debts which, notwithſtanding the conſummate Abilities and Application of the Preſent Miniſtry to ſet us clear, muſt deſcend at leaſt to our Great-grandſons with their Titles and Eſtates, will gain too much Credit to what I have written; that the Wounds which the Government has receiv'd, are too deep to be cur'd without leaving ſome Scars; and, that as the Management of theſe Gentlemen has juſtly intitled Them to the Curſes of the preſent Age, ſo their Memories are likely to merit the Deteſtation of many Generations to come.

It us'd, in former Ages, to be the laudable Deſign of the beſt *Engliſhmen*, to deſerve Honour by ſerving the Crown with Fidelity, and defending its juſt Prerogatives; to think they could no way merit better from their Country, or give a better Inſtance of their Submiſſion to its Laws, than by paying a Reverence to the Perſon of the Prince, and by venturing their Lives in his Service. But, how very different has the Practice of ſome *Upſtart Nobles* prov'd in this Reign! Have they not valu'd themſelves upon their Attempts to leſſen the Rights of the Crown, and even the Queen her ſelf, with her People? Have they not paid leſs Reſpect to the Majeſty of Her Perſon, than the Decency of all civiliz'd Nations allow to her Sex? This was a Strain of Policy which was never practis'd before in any Kingdom, unleſs where the Fortune of War had left the Prince entirely to the Mercy of his Rebels, who might compound for their Pardon at laſt by reſtoring him to his Crown: And it will be as hard, I believe, for theſe Gentlemen to reconcile this Behaviour to common Reaſon as to good Manners, unleſs they were in hopes that at the worſt, and if their Projects fail'd, the Wickedneſs of their Schemes might be excus'd by the Weakneſs with which they were concerted.

To make the Tenor of their Conduct all of a piece, I wonder, now the Nation is expreſſing their Thanks to Her Majeſty for the Proſpect ſhe has given them of a ſpeedy Peace, Honourable for Herſelf, Safe for Her Allies, and Advantageous to Her People; why theſe Gentlemen do not make a kind of Counter-Addreſs; or, to uſe the Style of their Predeceſſors, a *Petition* and *Advice*, to expreſs the Grievances they labour under, and the proper Means for their redreſs. Something of this nature, would be extremely Politick, if Pen'd with that freedom of Thought and Addreſs, which is peculiar to that Faction, who have often *confuted* the Councils of *Whitehall* with the Rhetorick of the *Stairs*. I cannot pretend to have all the neceſſary Qualifications for drawing a finiſh'd Piece of this kind; yet, I will venture to conclude this Paper with a rough Draught of a Petition, which, if reviſ'd and corrected by the maſterly Hand of that great States-Man and Rhetorician their *New Proſelyte*, might prove of ſingular Service, to procure them the Favour of the Queen, and the Voice of the People.

" WE Your Majeſty's well-affected Pe-
" titioners the Republicans, Deiſts,
" Arians, Socinians, with all the other
" Sectaries of Your Dominions, think fit to
" lay before Your Majeſty, our great Un-
" eaſineſs for the Loſs of our Penſions and
" Places

" Places in the Government, which are " now transfer'd to other Hands, and ſeem " in great Danger of being fixed in 'em, " notwithſtanding we believed them to have " been granted to us for Life; and accord- " ingly employ'd them, as our undoubted " Properties, in order to make our ſelves " Conſiderable Abroad, and Formidable at " Home. *But it having pleas'd God, for our* " *Sins, to permit the Spirit of Diſcord to go* " *forth*, and to ſweep us from Your Court, " Your Parliament, Your Fleets, and Your " Armies, 'tis our Petition and Advice, " That Your Majeſty forthwith diſſolve the " preſent Houſe of Commons, and for ever " baniſh from Your Royal Preſence, all " thoſe Evil Counſellors who have caus'd " You to withdraw Your Self from our " Protection: And for effectually prevent- " ing the like Enormities for the future, " we conceive it abſolutely neceſſary and " equitable, that our Truſty and Well- " beloved *John Winters* and *William Bigamy*, " Attornies at Law, be Commiſſion'd to en- " quire into their Underſtandings, Wives, " and Eſtates; the ſaid Attornies being the " moſt proper Perſons to Sue out a gene- " ral Confiſcation, by proving whom they " pleaſe to be *Lunaticks* or *Malignants*.

" And whereas Your Majeſty ſeems in- " clinable to give Peace and Plenty to Your " Subjects, by putting an End to this glo- " rious War, inſomuch that *our* General is " forc'd to pitch his Tent at home: To di- " vert Your Majeſty from ſo pernicious a " Deſign, we beg leave to aſſure Your Ma- " jeſty upon our Honour and Allegiance, " which have ever been conſpicuous, that " there are no ſuch Places in the habitable " World, as the Iſland of St. *Chriſtopher*, " *Hudſon's-Bay*, *Newfound Land*, *Placentia*, " *Nova Scotia*, *Minorca*, *Gibraltar*, and *Dun-* " *kirk*, but that they were lately put into " the Map by the Members of the *French* " *Academy*, to impoſe on Your Majeſty in " a Treaty: the Truth of which will be at- " teſted, upon Oath, by *Myn Heer Van Her-* " *ring*, if lawfully thereto requir'd, who was " never known to deceive, either Your Ma- " jeſty, or any of Your Royal Predeceſſors, " or to promote his own Intereſt by any " falſe Colours, and Miſrepreſentations.

" And ſeeing that Religion, upon the " preſent Eſtabliſhment, is apt to occaſion " Diſputes among Your good People, we " think it adviſable for Your Majeſty to " grant full Power to *T*—— *E*—— of " *W*——— to nominate a Committee for " aſcertaining what is abſolutely neceſſary " to be Believ'd and Practic'd: From whom " the ſaid Committee ſhall receive Inſtru- " ctions to comprehend, for the Service of " the Memory, all our Faith, in Three con- " ciſe Articles, of which *G*—— *B*—— " of *S*——— ſhall be appointed ſole Ex- " poſitor, by Patent for Life. For the pre- " ſervation of which New Syſtem of Re- " ligion, we conceive it neceſſary, That " from and after the Firſt of *April* next en- " ſuing, the Youth of this Kingdom ſhall " receive their Education at *Leyden* or *Utrecht*, " the Air of thoſe Places being obſerved to " conduce much to the increaſe of Phlegm " and Moderation.

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